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CHAPTER 25

HOUSE BILL 2022

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-1904, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEARING AID DISPENSERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-1904, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-1904. Issuance of license; renewal of license; continuing
5 education; military members

6 A. The director shall issue a regular license to each applicant who
7 meets the requirements of this chapter. A regular license is valid for one
8 year.

9 B. A licensee shall renew a regular license annually on payment of the
10 renewal fee prescribed in section 36-1908. There is a thirty day grace
11 period after the expiration of a regular license. During this period the
12 licensee may renew a regular license on payment of a late fee in addition to
13 the renewal fee.

14 C. When renewing a regular license as a hearing aid dispenser, the
15 licensee shall provide proof of having completed at least twelve hours of
16 continuing education within the prior twelve months. Courses sponsored by a
17 single manufacturer of hearing aids may not satisfy more than four hours of
18 continuing education within the prior twelve months. COURSES ON TOPICS THAT
19 PROVIDE A HEARING AID DISPENSER AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAY CURRENT ON BUSINESS OR
20 CLIENT SERVICE PRACTICES OR TRENDS IN THE PROFESSION OR THAT CONTRIBUTE TO
21 THE PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS COMPETENCE OF A HEARING AID DISPENSER MAY
22 QUALIFY FOR UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

23 D. When renewing a regular license in audiology or in speech-language
24 pathology, the licensee shall provide proof of having completed at least ten
25 hours of continuing education within the prior twelve months. Courses
26 sponsored by a single manufacturer of hearing aids may not satisfy more than
27 four hours of continuing education within the prior twelve months for persons
28 with a license in audiology.

29 E. The director by rule shall provide standards for continuing
30 education courses required by this section.

31 F. The director may refuse to renew a regular license for any cause
32 provided in section 36-1934.

33 G. A person who does not renew a regular license as prescribed by this
34 section shall apply for a new license pursuant to the requirements of this
35 chapter. If an application is received by the director within one year of
36 the expiration date of the license, the applicant is not required to take an
37 examination.

38 H. A person who reapplies for a regular license issued pursuant to
39 this chapter must provide proof of completion of the continuing education
40 hours prescribed by subsection C or D of this section within the previous
41 twelve months before the date of reapplication.

42 I. A license issued pursuant to this chapter to any member of the
43 Arizona national guard or the United States armed forces reserves shall not
44 expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and shall be
45 extended one hundred eighty days after the member returns from federal active

1 duty, provided that the member, or the legal representative of the member,
2 notifies the director of the federal active duty status of the member. A
3 license issued pursuant to this chapter to any member serving in the regular
4 component of the United States armed forces shall be extended one hundred
5 eighty days from the date of expiration, provided that the member, or the
6 legal representative of the member, notifies the director of the federal
7 active duty status of the member. If the license is renewed during the
8 applicable extended time period after the member returns from federal active
9 duty, the member is responsible only for normal fees and activities relating
10 to renewal of the license and shall not be charged any additional costs such
11 as late fees or delinquency fees. The member, or the legal representative of
12 the member, shall present to the director a copy of the member's official
13 military orders, a redacted military identification card or a written
14 verification from the member's commanding officer before the end of the
15 applicable extended time period in order to qualify for the extension.

16 J. A license issued pursuant to this chapter to any member of the
17 Arizona national guard, the United States armed forces reserves or the
18 regular component of the United States armed forces shall not expire and
19 shall be extended one hundred eighty days from the date the military member
20 is able to perform activities necessary under the license if the member both:

- 21 1. Is released from active duty service.
- 22 2. Suffers an injury as a result of active duty service that
- 23 temporarily prevents the member from being able to perform activities
- 24 necessary under the license.

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